

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A catalyst comprising from 0.1 to 20% by weight of rhenium and from 0.05 to 10% by weight of platinum, based on the total mass of the catalyst, on a support, obtainable by a process ~~in which~~ comprising:

- a) treating the optionally pretreated support ~~is treated~~ with a solution of a rhenium compound;
- b) ~~dried and heat treated~~ drying the treated support, and then heat treating the dried support in a reductive atmosphere at from 80 to 600°C thereby forming a catalyst blank; and
- c) ~~impregnated~~ impregnating the catalyst blank with a solution of a platinum compound and ~~dried again then drying~~.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of: a metal oxide; optionally pretreated activated carbon; ~~[[or a]]~~ optionally pretreated graphitic carbon ~~support~~; a nitride; a silicide; a carbide; and a boride.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A catalyst according to claim 2, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of: titanium dioxide; zirconium dioxide; hafnium dioxide; ~~[[and]]~~ optionally pretreated activated carbon; and ~~[[or a]]~~ optionally pretreated graphitic carbon ~~support~~.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the reductive atmosphere comprises at least a portion of at least one gaseous material selected

from the group consisting of gaseous ammonia, hydrazine, C₂- to C₆-olefin, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A catalyst according to claim 1, wherein, after step b), the catalyst blank obtained is passivated with an oxygenous gas.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A catalyst according to claim 1, which is activated by using a reducing gas atmosphere or a liquid reducing agent.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing ~~alcohols~~ an alcohol by catalytically hydrogenating ~~a carbonyl compounds~~ compound to ~~alcohols~~ an alcohol, which comprises using a catalyst according to claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 7, wherein the carbonyl compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aldehydes, carboxylic acids, ~~[[or]]~~ esters, anhydrides, and lactones.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 8, wherein the carbonyl compound is selected from the group consisting of maleic acid, ~~glutaric acid~~, ~~adipic acid~~, fumaric acid, succinic acid, ~~[[or]]~~ esters thereof, ~~[[or]]~~ anhydrides thereof, and gamma-butyrolactone; and is hydrogenated to 1,4-butanediol.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 9, wherein the carbonyl compound is selected from the group consisting of adipic acid, 6-hydroxycaproic acid, ~~[[or]]~~ esters ~~thereof~~ of said acids, caprolactone; and is hydrogenated to 1,6-hexanediol.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 7, wherein the ~~hydrogenation~~ catalytically hydrogenating is carried out in the liquid phase over the catalyst in solid form catalysts at a pressure in the range from 20 to 230 bar and a temperature in the range from 80 to 210°C.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 7, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a hydrogenation reactor charged with the catalyst is started up under hydrogenation conditions using water or a dilute aqueous solution of the carbonyl compound.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 2, wherein the reductive atmosphere comprises at least a portion of at least one gaseous material selected from the group consisting of gaseous ammonia, hydrazine, C₂- to C₆-olefin, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 3, wherein the reductive atmosphere comprises at least a portion of at least one gaseous material selected from the group consisting of gaseous ammonia, hydrazine, C₂- to C₆-olefin, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 2, wherein, after step b), the catalyst blank obtained is passivated with an oxygenous gas.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 3, wherein, after step b), the catalyst blank obtained is passivated with an oxygenous gas.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 4, wherein, after step b), the catalyst blank obtained is passivated with an oxygenous gas.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 2, which is activated by using a reducing gas atmosphere or a liquid reducing agent.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 3, which is activated by using a reducing gas atmosphere or a liquid reducing agent.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The catalyst according to claim 4, which is activated by using a reducing gas atmosphere or a liquid reducing agent.